

[Hon'ble Mr. K. R. Elankath.]

on routes where gas plants cannot be successfully operated, permits to operate petrol-driven vehicles will be granted under exceptional circumstances.

Government hope that these arrangements will ensure increased facilities to the travelling public while satisfying the demand for permits to operate private services on various routes.

വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവകുപ്പുമേലധ്യക്ഷന്റെ നിയമനം.

4. MR. P. C. GEORGE (*Pathanamthitta I—General*): താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിന് വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവകുപ്പിന്റെ ഓർജ്ജവഹിക്കുന്ന ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ?

ഈ നാട്ടിലെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവകുപ്പ് മേലധ്യക്ഷന്റെ നിയമന ക്യാമ്പിൽ സ്ഥലാവശ്യം ഒരു മാനദണ്ഡമായി ഗവണ്മെന്റ് ഗണിക്കുമോ?

HON'BLE MR. N. KUNJURAMAN : സർക്കാർ സർവീസിലുള്ള എല്ലാ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥരും സ്ഥലാവശ്യം ഏറ്റവും പ്രധാനമായ ഒരു മാനദണ്ഡമാണ്.

Special test in the Accountant-General's Office.

5. MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKER (*Thiruvalla II—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any special test imported from outside and instituted in the Accountant General's Office, by which promotions above the grade of Rs. 100 among the staff are confined to those who have passed this test?

HON'BLE MR. A. J. JOHN : A special test called the Higher Departmental Examination was instituted from 1940 for Accountants on Rs. 125-165.

Purpose of the Special Test Examination.

6. MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKER : Will the Honourable Minister for Finance be pleased to state the object and purpose for the particular examination when there is already a departmental examination exclusively intended for this department in place of the Account Test Examination?

HON'BLE MR. A. J. JOHN : To select the proper type of persons for supervising work. The Lower Departmental Examination is intended only for confirmation in the grade of Rs. 45-75.

Conducting Special Test Examination.

7. MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKER : Will the Honourable Minister for Finance be pleased to state how this special test examination is being conducted, the chief authority who conducts the examination, sets question papers, values them and announces the results?

HON'BLE MR. A. J. JOHN: Once a year by the Accountant-General, who nominates, with the approval of Government, examiners from the Accounts and Finance Departments, to set the question papers and value the answer books.

The Accountant-General announces the results after obtaining the sanction of Government in the Finance Department.

Remuneration for setting question papers.

8. MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKER: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether any remuneration is allowed for setting question papers and valuing them; if so, the rates allowed in each case may also be stated; and

(b) are these rates comparatively very high when compared with the rates of other Government examinations?

HON'BLE MR. A. J. JOHN: (a) Yes.

Rates.

Setting fee
Valuation fee

Rs. 25 for each question paper.
Chuckrams 21 per paper of 3 hours, duration. Chuckrams 17½ per paper of less than 3 hours' duration.

(b) Not very high.

Issue of permits to run private buses.

9. MR. ALEXANDER VAKAYIL (*Parur II—Latin Catholic*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have issued permit to run buses between Parur and Varapuzha in Parur Taluk?

(b) if so, how many buses are running in the line;

(c) whether they know that the public are put to much difficulty due to the irregularity and inadequacy of bus service in this route; and

(d) will the Government be pleased to state whether they are prepared to issue permit to bus owners who undertake to run buses regularly in this line?

HON'BLE MR. K. R. ELANKATH: (a) Yes.

(b) One bus.

(c) A mass petition was received complaining of inadequacy and action is being taken on this.

(d) Government will issue permits to bus owners who undertake to run additional buses in this line subject to the conditions mentioned in the Press Note recently issued.

HON'BLE MR. A. J. JOHN: The detailed programme of the Committee has not yet been communicated to this Government. It is, however, expected that the Committee will enquire into the finance of this State also in the course of their work.